AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Original) A method of treating a surface populated by a bacteria capable of producing a biofilm which comprises contacting the surface with a substance having N-acyl homoserine lactone degradant activity obtained from the secretions/excretions of *Lucilia sericata*.

2. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the surface is selected from metal surfaces, glass surfaces and the surfaces of plastics materials.

3. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the surface is the surface of a medical device or implant.

4. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the surface is a wound surface.

5. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the bacteria capable of producing a biofilm is *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* or *Staphylococcus aureus*.

6. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the substance is provided in a composition which additionally comprises one or more antibiotic compound.

7. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 6, wherein the antibiotic compound is tetracycline.

8. (Withdrawn) An antimicrobial composition comprising secretions/excretions isolated from *Lucilia sericata* or analogues thereof and one or more antibiotic compound.

9. (Withdrawn) The composition of claim 8, wherein the antibiotic compound is tetracycline.

10. (Withdrawn) A composition comprising, as an active component, a substance having N-acyl homoserine lactone-degradant activity isolated from secretions/excretions obtained from *Lucilia sericata* or analogues thereof together with a carrier or vehicle, for the degradation of biofilms.

11. (Withdrawn) A composition comprising, as an active component, a serine proteinase isolated from secretion/excretions obtained from *Lucilia sericata* or analogues thereof together with a carrier or vehicle, for the degradation of biofilms.

12. (Withdrawn) A composition comprising, as an active component, a glycosidase isolated from secretions/excretions obtained from *Lucilia sericata* or analogues thereof together with a carrier or vehicle, for the degradation of biofilms.

13. (Withdrawn) An antimicrobial composition comprising, as an active component, a substance having cecropin-like activity isolated from secretions/excretions obtained from *Lucilia sericata* or analogues thereof together with a carrier or vehicle.

14. (Withdrawn) The composition of claim 10 which additionally comprises one or more antibiotic compound.

15. (Withdrawn) The composition of claim 14, wherein the antibiotic compound is tetracycline.

16. (Withdrawn) An antimicrobial composition comprising cell-free haemolymph obtained from *Lucilia sericata* larvae grown in the presence of *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*, or one or more active constituent of said haemolymph or a synthetic analogue of such constituent.

17. (Withdrawn) A wound dressing comprising a composition selected from the group consisting of a substance having N-acyl homoserine lactone-degradant activity, a serine proteinase, a glycosidase and a substance having cecropin-like activity wherein the composition is isolated from secretions/excretions obtained from *Lucilia sericata* or analogues thereof together with a carrier.

18. (Withdrawn) The wound dressing of claim 17 further comprising one or more antibiotic compounds.

19. (New) A method of treating a surface populated by a bacteria capable of producing a biofilm which comprises contacting the surface with a substance having N-acyl homoserine lacone degradant activity obtained from the secretions/excretions of *Lucilia sericata* or analogues thereof.